(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) In so far as the Central Government hospitals located in Delhi namely, Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College and Associated Hospitals, are concerned, separate registration counters/windows/rows are provided for senior citizens in OPDs to avoid standing in long queue. In addition, assistance like wheelchairs/trolleys are also provided for senior citizens in OPDs of Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital. They are attended on priority basis in OPDs. There is a weekly geriatric OPD in Dr. RML Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital.

In Safdarjung 104 beds are reserved for senior citizens and in other Hospitals, although there is no special reservation of beds for senior citizens, preference is given to them in admission and bed is allowed to them on priority.

(b) to (d) Health being a state subject, such information is not maintained centrally.

Medical and trauma facilities in NE States

2836. SHRI KHEKIHO ZHIMOMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Medical Colleges in North Eastern (NE) States;

(b) whether it is a fact that medical and trauma facilities are in very bad conditions in the North East;

(c) what is the ratio of doctors against the total population in North Eastern States, State-wise;

(d) whether Government has taken any action to improve the condition in North Eastern States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI): (a) to (c) At present, there are 7 (seven) medical colleges in North Eastern States. The list of such medical colleges is given in Statement-I (*See* below). The ratio of doctors against the total population in each of North Eastern States is given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) to (f) To improve the medical facilities in the country including North Eastern States, Medical Council of India Regulations have been reviewed and amended suitably with regard to land requirement, bed strength, teacher-student ratio etc. to facilitate setting up of more medical colleges and also enhance the intake in Post Graduate and Super-speciality courses.

Under the scheme 'Forward Linkages for National Rural Health Mission in North Eastern States', upgradation of Gauwahati Medical College (GMC) and establishment of a Super-Speciality Hospital at GMC, Assam have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.88.75 crores.

In addition to above, 41 district hospitals in North Eastern States have also been taken up for upgradation. Under the Scheme "Assistance for Capacity Building" financial assistance are provided to State Government hospitals for upgradation and strengthening of trauma care facility located on the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West corridors of the national highways.

Statement-I

List of medical colleges in North-Eastern States

S.No.	Name of State		Name of medical colleges
1.	Arunachal Pradesh		NIL
2.	Assam	(i)	Silchar Medical College Silchar
		(ii)	Assam Medical College
		(iii)	Guwahati Medical College
3.	Manipur		Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal
4.	Meghalaya		NIL
5.	Mizoram		NIL
6.	Nagaland		NIL
7.	Sikkim		Sikkim Manipal Institute of Medical Sciences, Gangtok
8.	Tripura	(i)	Agartala Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Agartala
		(ii)	Tripura Medical College and Dr. BRAM Teaching Hospital, Agartala

Statement-II

Number of Government Allopathic Doctors and average population served in North Eastern States 2008 (Provisional)

S. No.	Name of State	Number of Govt. Allopathic Doctors	Number of Dental Surgeons	Projected Population as on 1.3.2008 (in thousand)	Population served/ Doctor	Population served/ Dental Surgeons
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	405	40	1184	2923	29600
2.	Assam	2103	20	27478	13066	1373900
3.	Manipur	653	35	2336	3577	66743

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4.	Meghalaya	580	19	2500	4310	131579
5.	Mizoram	380	26	970	2553	37307
6.	Nagaland	314	24	2171	6914	90458
7.	Sikkim	217	28	591	2723	21107
8.	Tripura	728	48	3491	4795	72729

Source: National Health Profile, 2008 published by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence

AIIMS-like institutes

2837. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIIMS-like institutes functioning at present and details of those coming up by end of 2012;

(b) the number of such institutes required to cater to the optimum needs of health services for the whole country, by the end of 2015;

(c) whether Government has drawn any plan in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) At present, the premier Central Government institutions such as AIIMS, New Delhi; Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), Chandigarh; Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry; and North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong are providing tertiary healthcare services.

In addition, under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), six AIIMS-like institutions, one each in the States of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttarakhand (Rishikesh) are being set up in the first phase of PMSSY. It is also proposed to set up two more institutions, one each in the States of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in the second phase of PMSSY.

These institutions would cater to the needs of tertiary healthcare services for the country.

Neonatal mortality rate

2838. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the data regarding neonatal mortality in the country for the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the mortality rate is stagnant since 2003;

(c) if so, the reasons for the situation; and